

CSTC-A Leadership

Major General Jay H. Lindell

Commander, Combined Air Power Transition Force



Major General Jay H. Lindell is Commander, Combined Air Power Transition Force, Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan. Prior to his current assignment, the general was the Commandant, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL.

Major General Lindell hails from Russell, Pennsylvania and was commissioned a second lieutenant from the US Air Force Academy in 1978. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Williams AFB, AZ and is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, primarily in the F-111 and F-16 aircraft. Throughout his career he has served in operational assignments in the United States, Germany, England, and South Korea.

His previous staff assignments include F-16 Program Chief, Plans and Programs, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA, Chief, Joint Contact Team Program, Plans and Policy Directorate; Chief, International Division, and Special Assistant to the Director, Logistics and Security Assistance Directorate; Headquarters U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany, and Director of Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany.

His command assignments include the 35th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, and the 27th Operations Group, Cannon AFB, N.M.

Major General Lindell holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the US Air Force Academy, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University and has completed the Army Command and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS, the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL, and the National Security Management Course from Syracuse University, NY.

His awards include the Silver Star, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.